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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS MEASURABLE GROWTH: In the middle of August, 1984, total employment in the State was estimated to be 2,889,900. That was a net monthly increase of 19,300 people (+0.7 percent). Two of the three principal employment categories displayed over-the-month gains. The "all other" nonagricultural employment sector experienced modest growth of 200 workers (+0.1 percent). Also, the nonagricultural wage and salary employment sector exhibited an impressive gain of 24,700 persons (+1.0 percent). On the other hand, agricultural employment began its seasonal decline with the loss of 5,600 workers (-5.0 percent) over the month.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES NOTICEABLE GAIN: North Carolina's manufacturing employment was estimated to be 814,400 in the middle of August, 1984. That figure represented a net monthly increase of 7,500 people (+0.9 percent). The durable goods sector added 3,200 workers (+1.0 percent) as several of its industry groups exhibited strong growth: electrical machinery (+1,400), nonelectrical machinery (+900), and furniture and fixtures (+900). The nondurable goods sector enjoyed an even larger net over-the-month gain of 4,300 workers (+0.9 percent) due primarily to impressive increases in two of its industry groups: tobacco manufacturing (+2,600) and apparel and related products (+1,300).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ALSO RISES IN AUGUST: In the middle of August, 1984, nonmanufacturing employment in the State was estimated to be 1,649,000. That was a measurable net over-the-month increase of 13,800 workers (+0.8 percent). Three of the seven industry groups displayed particularly good monthly growth: government (+6,700), trade (+4,600), and transportation, communications, and public utilities (+1,600).

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: Statewide manufacturing employment grew by 18,400 people (+2.3 percent) during the past twelve months. The top four net growth industries were these: electrical machinery (+9,400), nonelectrical machinery (+4,500), rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+3,000), and furniture and fixtures (+2,600). Since August of 1983, nonmanufacturing employment in North Carolina has surged by 60,100 workers (+3.8 percent) with all of its industry groups contributing. The following four led the way: trade (+22,000), government (+10,300), service and miscellaneous (+9,000), and construction (+8,000).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT ENJOYS NOTICEABLE DECLINE: During the middle of August, 1984, total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 187,800. That figure represented a net monthly drop of 13,600 persons (-6.8 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from a revised 6.6 percent in July to 6.1 percent in August. Unemployment conditions were far worse twelve months ago (August, 1983) when there were 235,900 jobless people and the rate was 8.0 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.3 percent in August, 1984, 7.5 percent in July, 1984, and 9.2 percent one year ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.5 percent this August and July, and 9.5 percent in August of last year.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

AUGUST, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	August 2/ 1984	July 3/ 1984	August 1983	July, 1984		August, 1983	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	3,077,700	3,072,000	2,953,200	+ 5,700	+ 0.2	+ 124,500	+ 4.2
Employment, Total	2,889,900	2,870,600	2,717,300	+ 19,300	+ 0.7	+ 172,600	+ 6.4
Agricultural Employment	107,000	112,600	115,000	- 5,600	- 5.0	- 8,000	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,484,600	2,459,900	2,299,200	+ 24,700	+ 1.0	+ 185,400	+ 8.1
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	298,300	298,100	303,100	+ 200	+ 0.1	- 4,800	- 1.6
Unemployment, Total	187,800	201,400	235,900	- 13,600	- 6.8	- 48,100	- 20.4
State Unadjusted Rate	6.1	6.6	8.0	- 0.5	xxx	- 1.9	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	7.5	9.2	- 0.2	xxx	- 1.9	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.5	7.5	9.5	0	xxx	- 2.0	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions. Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Preliminary Estimates.
3/ Revised Estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

BOTH HOURLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED RISE SLIGHTLY: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by just 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to $7.02 from mid-July to mid-August of this year. Furthermore, that was a net yearly increase of 36¢ an hour (+5.4 percent). The durable goods sector experienced a respectable net monthly rise of 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) to hit $7.29 this August. Over the year, the durable goods segment enjoyed good growth of 43¢ an hour (+6.3 percent). Electrical machinery was the durable goods industry that exhibited the largest net monthly gain, jumping by 14¢ an hour (+1.7 percent) to reach $8.35. Next came furniture and fixtures, up by 8¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to $6.30 in August of this year. The nondurable goods sector, however, suffered a small net over-the-month drop of 2¢ an hour (-0.3 percent) to fall to $6.86 in August, 1984. Since August of last year, the nondurable goods segment has gained 30¢ an hour (+4.6 percent). The industry which experienced the largest net over-the-month increase in nondurables was printing and publishing advancing by 11¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) to $7.85. That was followed by paper and allied products, up by 8¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) over the month to $10.70 in August, 1984. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by $1.79 (+0.6 percent) to $278.69 from the middle of July to the middle of August. Moreover, the current figure is $8.29 (+3.1 percent) above one year ago. In August, 1984, average weekly hours were 39.7, a slight increase of 0.2 of an hour over the month but down 0.9 of an hour over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX EXPERIENCES MONTHLY RISE: According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers increased to 313.0 in August, 1984. That was a monthly increase of 0.4 percent plus a yearly gain of 4.2 percent. Apparel and upkeep was the group that registered the largest over-the-month increase, surging by 1.8 percent. Food and beverages was a distant second, the cost of which rose by 0.5 percent. None of the principal categories experienced decreases over the month, however, the cost of transportation did remain constant. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $313.00 in August, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS GROWS OVER THE MONTH: There were 165,507 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of August 31, 1984. That figure represented a net monthly increase of 8,678 persons (+5.5 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine age group was by far the largest applicant segment with 99,946 or 60.4 percent of the total. That was followed by the twenty-one and under sector which had 29,827 or 18.0 percent. Once again the fifty-five and over segment had the fewest active applicants with 8,836 or 5.3 percent of the total. Just slightly more than half of the active applicants were males, numbering 82,922 or 50.1 percent of the total. Also, the largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with a count of 94,362 or 57.1 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of August 31, 1984.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE
August 31, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	165,507	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	29,827	18.0
22-39	99,946	60.4
40-54	26,898	16.3
55 and Over	8,836	5.3
Sex		
Male	82,922	50.1
Female	82,585	49.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	94,362	57.1
Black, not Hispanic	66,347	40.1
Hispanic	1,846	1.1
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,731	1.0
Other Races and Undertermined	1,221	0.7
Eligible Claimant	56,362	34.1
Veteran	29,034	17.5
Handicapped	8,853	5.3
Seasonal Farmworker	5,128	3.1

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS DROPS IN AUGUST: There were 32,084 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State durirg August, 1984. That figure represented a net over-the-month decline of 6,185 (-16.2 percent). A very good percentage of those job openings was filled (80.8 percent or 25,933). Farming, fishing, and forestry was again the occupational group with the most job openings received with 9,806. Almost all of those were filled (9,745 or 99.4 percent). Next came the service category with 4,594 job openings received and 3,279 or 71.4 percent filled. The miscellaneous group followed with 3,917 job openings received and 2,872 or 73.3 percent filled. The fewest job openings received in August occurred in sales with just 769 and only 346 or 45.0 percent were filled. From July 1, 1984, through August 31, 1984, there were 70,353 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. Most of those have been filled (56,437 or 80.2 percent). As of August 31, 1984, there were 18,168 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. The majority of those job openings (10,527 or 57.9 percent) remained open for thirty days or more and had been classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings in August, 1984.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

Occupation	August, 1984		Fiscal Year To Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As Of Aug. 31, 1984	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof. Tech., and Mgr.	1,098	480	2,300	1,128	1,623	985
Clerical	2,773	1,716	5,996	3,874	2,418	1,286
Sales	769	346	1,450	671	1,061	639
Service	4,594	3,279	9,461	6,894	3,404	1,866
Domestic	226	289	641	549	145	110
Other Services	4,368	2,990	8,820	6,345	3,259	1,756
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	9,806	9,745	26,364	25,021	325	190
Processing	1,038	919	2,084	1,902	813	576
Machine Trades	1,911	1,473	3,690	2,592	1,667	1,065
Bench Work	2,412	2,210	4,723	3,960	1,776	1,163
Structural Work	3,766	2,893	7,633	5,321	3,033	1,803
Miscellaneous	3,917	2,872	6,652	5,074	2,048	954
Motor Freight and Trans.	633	346	1,205	702	577	288
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	3,194	2,482	5,291	4,275	1,385	631
Other	90	44	156	97	86	35
Total	32,084	25,933	70,353	56,437	18,168	10,527

1/ July 1, 1984, through August 31, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

AUGUST, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1984 (Thous)	July 1984 (Thous)	August 1983 (Thous)	July 1984	August 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,463.4	2,442.1	2,384.9	+ 0.9	+ 3.3
MANUFACTURING	814.4	806.9	796.0	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
DURABLE GOODS	321.2	318.0	299.7	+ 1.0	+ 7.2
Lumber & Wood Products	35.5	35.9	35.9	- 1.1	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.2	13.4	13.2	- 1.5	0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.8	8.7	8.3	+ 1.1	+ 6.0
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.9	4.3	- 2.6	-11.6
Furniture & Fixtures	82.0	81.1	79.4	+ 1.1	+ 3.3
Household Furniture	72.7	71.6	71.2	+ 1.5	+ 2.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.1	35.9	36.7	+ 3.3	+ 1.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.9	31.0	30.2	- 0.3	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.0	19.1	17.7	- 0.5	+ 7.3
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.1	5.1	4.7	0	+ 8.5
Primary Metal Industries	10.6	10.6	9.5	0	+11.6
Fabricated Metal Products	24.8	24.4	24.2	+ 1.6	+ 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.2	8.7	+ 2.4	- 3.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.7	53.8	50.2	+ 1.7	+ 9.0
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	7.9	7.5	+ 1.3	+ 6.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.2	58.8	50.8	+ 2.4	+18.5
Household Appliances	6.0	5.8	5.8	+ 3.4	+ 3.4
Transportation Equipment	19.3	19.2	17.1	+ 0.5	+12.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	15.1	14.9	0	+ 1.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.2	488.9	496.3	+ 0.9	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	44.8	45.3	43.6	- 1.1	+ 2.8
Meat Products	17.8	17.5	16.7	+ 1.7	+ 6.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.7	6.8	6.8	- 1.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.3	21.7	25.1	+12.0	- 3.2
Cigarettes	18.6	18.7	18.7	- 0.5	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.0	2.3	5.8	+117.4	-13.8
Textile Mill Products	218.3	217.5	226.2	+ 0.4	- 3.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	59.4	59.3	63.5	+ 0.2	- 6.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	30.4	31.1	34.1	- 2.3	-10.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.8	28.1	29.2	+ 2.5	- 1.4
Knitting Mills	77.8	78.2	79.2	- 6.5	- 1.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.3	23.2	22.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Hosiery, NEC	22.4	22.5	23.1	- 0.4	- 3.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.1	14.3	15.0	- 1.4	- 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	6.9	7.0	+ 2.9	+ 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.4	14.5	14.6	- 0.7	- 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	53.8	52.8	55.0	+ 1.9	- 2.2

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INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1984 (Thous)	July 1984 (Thous)	August 1983 (Thous)	July 1984	August 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.5	86.2	86.7	+ 1.5	+ 0.9
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.9	27.2	27.2	+ 2.6	+ 2.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.1	40.7	41.1	+ 1.0	0
Paper & Allied Products	22.6	22.7	22.0	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.9	10.7	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.4	7.0	0	+ 5.7
Printing & Publishing	23.4	23.1	22.2	+ 1.3	+ 5.4
Newspapers	9.2	9.1	8.7	+ 1.1	+ 5.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.9	37.7	38.1	+ 0.5	- 0.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.7	14.1	0	- 2.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.9	30.1	26.9	- 0.7	+11.2
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.6	5.5	- 2.2	-18.2
NONMANUFACTURING	1,649.0	1,635.2	1,588.9	+ 0.8	+ 3.8
MINING	4.6	4.5	4.5	+ 2.2	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	126.3	125.9	118.3	+ 0.3	+ 6.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	123.1	121.5	115.4	+ 1.3	+ 6.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	62.4	60.9	60.8	+ 2.5	+ 2.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.6	55.5	49.3	+ 0.2	+12.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	534.7	530.1	512.7	+ 0.9	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	126.3	123.9	131.6	+ 1.9	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.4	74.2	70.8	+ 0.3	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51.9	49.7	50.8	+ 4.4	+ 2.2
Retail Trade	408.4	406.2	391.1	+ 0.5	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	56.1	55.5	53.4	+ 1.1	+ 5.1
Variety Stores	11.9	11.7	11.4	+ 1.7	+ 4.4
Food Stores	65.1	66.1	63.9	- 1.5	+ 1.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	105.1	105.0	102.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	380.1	379.8	371.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.0	24.7	22.6	+ 1.2	+10.6
Personal Services	24.3	23.9	22.7	+ 1.7	+ 7.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.2	10.2	10.0	0	+ 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	375.1	368.4	364.8	+ 1.8	+ 2.8
Federal	50.5	50.5	50.2	0	+ 0.6
State	117.0	111.9	111.2	+ 4.6	+ 5.2
Education	56.6	51.4	50.3	+10.1	+12.5
Other	60.4	60.5	60.9	- 0.2	- 0.8
Local	207.6	206.0	203.4	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Education	93.1	91.1	89.2	+ 2.2	+ 4.4
Other	114.5	114.9	114.2	- 0.3	+ 0.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1984

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1984 (thous.)	July 1984 (thous.)	August 1983 (thous.)	July 1984	August 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2488.1	2478.5	2405.7	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
MANUFACTURING	811.2	812.1	791.5	- 0.1	+ 2.5
DURABLE GOODS	321.4	319.5	299.7	+ 0.6	+ 7.2
Lumber & Wood Products	35.0	35.4	35.4	- 1.1	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.1	13.3	13.1	- 1.5	0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.6	8.3	+ 1.2	+ 4.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.8	4.1	- 2.6	- 9.8
Furniture & Fixtures	83.2	83.1	80.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Household Furniture	73.5	73.5	72.0	0	+ 2.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.0	36.3	36.6	+ 1.9	+ 1.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.1	31.4	30.4	- 1.0	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.8	18.8	17.3	0	+ 8.7
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.5	2.5	+ 8.0	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.0	5.0	4.6	0	+ 8.7
Primary Metal Industries	10.5	10.6	9.4	- 0.9	+ 11.7
Fabricated Metal Products	24.7	24.5	24.1	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.2	8.6	+ 1.2	- 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.7	53.7	50.2	+ 1.9	+ 9.0
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	7.5	0	+ 6.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.1	59.0	50.7	+ 1.9	+ 18.5
Household Appliances	5.6	5.5	5.4	+ 1.8	+ 3.7
Transportation Equipment	19.3	19.2	17.1	+ 0.5	+ 12.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	15.2	14.9	- 0.7	+ 1.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	489.8	492.6	491.8	- 0.6	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	44.3	44.6	43.1	- 0.7	+ 2.8
Meat Products	17.7	17.6	16.6	+ 0.6	+ 6.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	7.9	7.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.5	6.6	6.6	- 1.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.6	23.1	23.4	- 2.2	- 3.4
Cigarettes	18.5	18.3	18.6	+ 1.1	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.7	4.0	4.3	- 7.5	- 14.0
Textile Mill Products	217.6	219.3	225.5	- 0.8	- 3.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	59.4	59.8	63.5	- 0.7	- 6.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	30.6	31.4	34.3	- 2.5	- 10.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.8	28.1	29.2	+ 2.5	- 1.4
Knitting Mills	77.3	78.5	79.3	- 1.5	- 2.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.3	22.7	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Hosiery, NEC	22.1	22.2	22.8	- 0.5	- 3.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.2	14.3	15.1	- 0.7	- 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	6.8	7.0	+ 4.4	+ 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.8	14.5	- 3.4	- 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	53.5	53.9	54.7	- 0.7	- 2.2

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INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1984 (thous.)	July 1984 (thous.)	August 1983 (thous.)	July 1984	August 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.0	87.0	86.1	0	+ 1.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.6	27.4	26.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	-	-	-	-	-
Paper & Allied Products	40.8	41.0	40.8	- 0.5	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	22.7	22.8	22.1	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	10.9	10.9	10.8	0	+ 0.9
Printing & Publishing	7.5	7.4	7.1	+ 1.4	+ 5.6
Newspapers	23.8	23.5	22.6	+ 1.3	+ 5.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	9.3	9.0	8.8	+ 3.3	+ 5.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	37.9	37.7	37.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	13.7	13.6	14.1	+ 0.7	- 2.8
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	29.4	30.0	26.5	- 2.0	+ 10.9
	4.5	4.6	5.4	- 2.2	- 16.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,676.9	1,666.4	1,614.2	+ 0.6	- 3.9
MINING	4.6	4.5	4.5	+ 2.2	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	121.1	120.9	113.4	+ 0.2	+ 6.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	122.7	121.7	115.0	+ 0.8	+ 6.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	62.5	61.4	60.9	+ 1.8	+ 2.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.2	55.1	48.9	+ 0.2	+ 12.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	529.2	529.0	507.4	+ 0.04	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	123.6	124.0	119.0	- 0.3	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.1	74.1	70.5	0	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	49.5	49.9	48.5	- 0.8	+ 2.1
Retail Trade	405.6	405.0	388.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	56.7	56.7	54.0	0	+ 5.0
Variety Stores	11.9	11.9	11.4	0	+ 4.4
Food Stores	64.8	65.6	63.6	- 1.2	+ 1.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	104.1	103.8	101.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.3	371.3	363.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.5	21.6	19.4	- 0.5	+ 10.8
Personal Services	24.8	24.5	23.2	+ 1.2	+ 6.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.1	10.2	9.9	- 1.0	+ 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	422.9	415.2	409.4	+ 1.9	+ 3.3
Federal	50.0	49.7	49.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
State	126.7	124.1	119.6	+ 2.1	+ 5.9
Education	67.5	65.2	60.0	+ 3.5	+ 12.5
Other	59.2	58.9	59.6	+ 0.5	- 0.7
Local	246.2	241.4	240.1	+ 2.0	+ 2.5
Education	134.5	130.9	128.7	+ 2.8	+ 4.5
Other	111.7	110.5	111.4	+ 1.1	+ 0.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
August, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983	July 1984	August 1983
MANUFACTURING	652.1	644.7	637.2	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
DURABLE GOODS	245.1	242.0	226.6	+ 1.3	+ 8.2
Lumber & Wood Products	30.4	30.6	30.6	- 0.7	- 0.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.8	7.7	7.3	+ 1.3	+ 6.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.1	3.2	3.6	- 3.1	- 13.9
Furniture & Fixtures	73.1	72.2	70.6	+ 1.2	+ 3.5
Household Furniture	65.6	64.4	64.0	+ 1.9	+ 2.5
Wood Household Furniture	34.3	33.1	33.8	+ 3.6	+ 1.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.8	15.9	14.4	- 0.6	+ 9.7
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 10.0
Primary Metal Industries	7.9	7.9	7.0	0	- 12.9
Fabricated Metal Products	18.5	18.2	18.0	+ 1.6	+ 2.8
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.0	27.2	25.8	+ 2.9	+ 8.5
Special Industry Machinery	5.3	5.2	5.0	+ 1.9	+ 6.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.2	42.8	35.3	+ 3.3	+ 25.2
Household Appliances	5.4	5.1	5.2	+ 5.9	+ 3.8
Transportation Equipment	15.8	15.8	13.6	0	+ 16.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	407.0	402.7	410.6	+ 1.1	- 0.9
Food & Kindred Products	30.7	31.3	30.1	- 1.9	+ 2.0
Meat Products	15.6	15.4	14.6	+ 1.3	+ 6.8
Meat Packing	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 3.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.8	17.1	20.6	+ 15.8	- 3.9
Cigarettes	14.9	15.0	15.1	- 0.7	- 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.3	1.5	5.0	+ 186.7	- 14.0
Textile Mill Products	194.3	193.3	201.9	+ 0.5	- 3.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	53.6	53.5	57.4	+ 0.2	- 6.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.4	28.1	30.8	- 2.5	- 11.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.1	25.3	26.5	+ 3.2	- 1.5
Knitting Mills	68.5	68.8	70.5	- 0.4	- 2.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.5	20.5	20.1	0	+ 2.0
Hosiery, NEC	20.5	20.6	21.2	- 0.5	- 3.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.9	12.2	12.8	- 2.5	- 7.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.0	6.1	+ 3.3	+ 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.9	12.0	12.2	- 0.8	- 2.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.4	48.5	50.7	+ 1.9	- 2.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.2	75.9	76.5	+ 1.7	+ 0.9
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.3	24.7	24.7	+ 2.4	+ 2.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.5	35.1	35.4	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	17.2	17.3	16.7	- 0.6	+ 3.0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	8.1	7.8	- 2.5	+ 1.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.8	5.4	0	+ 7.4
Printing & Publishing	14.0	13.9	13.3	+ 0.7	+ 5.3
Newspapers	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 6.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.4	25.2	25.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.9	9.9	9.9	0	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.6	24.8	21.7	- 0.8	+ 13.4
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.9	4.8	- 2.6	- 20.8

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

AUGUST, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983
MANUFACTURING	$278.69	$276.90	$270.40	39.7	39.5	40.6	$ 7.02	$ 7.01	$ 6.66
DURABLE GOODS	293.06	288.88	278.52	40.2	39.9	40.6	7.29	7.24	6.86
Lumber & Wood Products	239.99	240.98	233.13	40.2	40.5	40.9	5.97	5.95	5.70
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	227.66	230.11	231.84	39.8	40.3	41.4	5.72	5.71	5.60
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	280.95	267.33	255.00	40.6	38.8	40.8	6.92	6.89	6.25
Furniture & Fixtures	236.88	231.38	233.22	37.6	37.2	39.0	6.30	6.22	5.98
Household Furniture	235.62	228.53	233.43	37.4	36.8	39.1	6.30	6.21	5.97
Wood Household Furniture	232.76	227.50	229.82	38.6	38.3	39.9	6.03	5.94	5.76
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	327.83	326.13	314.39	42.3	42.3	42.2	7.75	7.71	7.45
Structural Clay Products	257.23	258.30	254.40	42.1	42.0	42.4	6.11	6.15	6.00
Primary Metal Industries	362.60	358.22	338.52	44.6	43.9	43.4	8.13	8.16	7.80
Fabricated Metal Products	321.31	312.29	321.14	41.3	40.4	42.2	7.78	7.73	7.61
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	344.84	338.25	329.85	41.9	41.1	41.7	8.23	8.23	7.91
Special Industry Machinery	299.83	295.02	296.87	40.3	39.6	40.5	7.44	7.45	7.38
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	341.52	332.57	312.58	40.9	40.5	40.7	8.35	8.21	7.68
Household Appliances	260.17	254.18	252.96	39.3	37.6	40.8	6.62	6.76	6.20
Transportation Equipment	331.52	333.06	309.48	41.7	42.0	41.1	7.95	7.93	7.53
NONDURABLE GOODS	270.97	270.38	266.34	39.5	39.3	40.6	6.86	6.88	6.56
Food & Kindred Products	251.77	255.96	253.75	39.4	40.5	40.6	6.39	6.32	6.25
Meat Products	196.51	207.43	204.13	36.8	38.2	38.6	5.34	5.43	5.29
Meat Packing	290.82	304.98	323.33	37.0	39.2	42.6	7.86	7.78	7.59
Dairy Products	272.44	276.14	262.91	43.8	44.9	43.1	6.22	6.15	6.10
Grain Mill Products	310.42	288.27	298.81	44.6	44.9	44.4	6.96	6.88	6.73
Bakery Products	282.50	276.11	282.07	40.3	39.5	42.1	7.01	6.99	6.70
Beverages	496.58	508.07	497.01	45.6	47.0	48.3	10.89	10.81	10.29
Tobacco Manufacturers	426.47	479.06	404.74	38.7	37.9	38.4	11.02	12.64	10.54
Cigarettes	500.46	575.71	473.17	38.0	38.4	38.5	13.17	13.43	12.29
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	187.32	180.88	173.96	40.9	32.3	37.9	4.58	5.60	4.59
Textile Mill Products	246.48	246.09	250.66	39.5	39.5	41.5	6.24	6.23	6.04
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	275.49	275.89	278.46	40.1	40.1	42.0	6.87	6.88	6.63
Weaving Mills, Cotton	268.02	274.51	275.47	38.9	39.9	41.3	6.89	6.88	6.67
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	283.59	277.95	281.39	41.4	40.4	42.7	6.85	6.88	6.59
Knitting Mills	221.56	221.57	226.64	38.2	38.4	40.4	5.80	5.77	5.61
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	198.69	198.38	209.35	35.8	36.2	39.5	5.55	5.48	5.30
Hosiery, NEC	221.52	222.69	213.40	39.0	39.0	39.3	5.68	5.71	5.43
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	247.04	233.47	256.65	39.4	38.5	41.8	6.27	6.22	6.14
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	270.48	270.03	280.35	42.0	41.8	45.0	6.44	6.46	6.23
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	282.94	269.04	269.66	43.0	41.2	42.4	6.58	6.53	6.36
Yarn & Thread Mills	237.00	236.40	243.34	39.5	39.4	42.1	6.00	6.00	5.78
Apparel & Other Textile Products	186.50	179.69	184.02	37.3	36.3	38.1	5.00	4.95	4.83
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	189.15	181.36	184.50	36.8	35.7	37.5	5.14	5.08	4.92
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	175.48	170.61	172.88	37.1	36.3	37.5	4.73	4.70	4.61
Paper & Allied Products	470.80	466.22	439.75	44.0	43.9	43.8	10.70	10.62	10.04
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	583.46	598.10	532.51	45.3	46.4	44.9	12.88	12.89	11.86
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	330.15	330.05	331.52	43.1	43.2	44.8	7.66	7.64	7.40
Printing & Publishing	306.15	294.89	287.66	39.0	38.1	37.9	7.85	7.74	7.59
Newspapers	276.85	269.39	256.88	35.0	33.8	33.8	7.91	7.97	7.60
Chemicals & Allied Products	376.66	362.69	359.63	41.3	39.9	41.1	9.12	9.09	8.75
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	426.15	423.11	405.34	42.7	42.1	42.4	9.98	10.05	9.56
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	360.73	365.51	351.51	41.8	42.6	42.3	8.63	8.58	8.31
MINING	334.97	341.10	284.62	43.0	43.9	40.2	7.79	7.77	7.08
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	458.16	459.64	404.17	41.5	41.9	41.2	11.04	10.97	9.81
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	196.65	196.06	194.25	33.5	33.4	33.9	5.87	5.87	5.73
Wholesale Trade	291.33	297.55	276.11	39.0	39.1	39.5	7.47	7.61	6.99
Retail Trade	170.03	168.43	168.20	31.9	31.9	32.1	5.33	5.28	5.24
General Merchandise Stores	151.80	147.98	148.32	30.0	30.2	30.9	5.06	4.90	4.80
Variety Stores	122.11	124.23	123.58	31.8	32.1	33.4	3.84	3.87	3.70
Food Stores	194.21	190.03	191.22	33.6	32.1	32.8	5.78	5.92	5.83
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	132.11	129.30	124.94	30.3	30.0	30.4	4.36	4.31	4.11
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	181.96	181.56	168.22	35.4	35.6	34.9	5.14	5.10	4.82

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